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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 1134/2026**
MS MANISHA RANJAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr.Prashant Joshi, Mr.Ashwani
Kumar Sharma, Mr.Pramod
Kumar, Mr.Lokesh Sharma,
Mr.Dilip Kr. Rana &
Ms.Gauranshi Rawal, Advs.
along with petitioner in person.

versus

THE STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr.Sanjay Lao, SC (Crl.) for
State with Ms.Priyam Agarwal,
Mr.Abhinav Kr. Arya &
Mr.Aryan Sachdeva, Advs.
along with Insp. Ranjit Tokas,
SI Mahesh Yadav, PS Dwarka
North.
Mr.Mohit Mathur &
Mr.Sandeep Sharma, Sr. Advs.
along with Mr.Harsh Gautam,
Mr.Brijesh Yadav, Mr.Sumit
Arora & Ms.Sonia Saini, Advs.
for R-4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA

ORDER

% **13.04.2026**

1. The present Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of
the Constitution of India read with Section 528 of the Bharatiya



Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 ('BNSS'), seeking issuance of a Writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus, directing the respondent nos.1, 2 and 3 to produce Master 'X', the son of the petitioner and the respondent no.4.

2. In the petition, it is alleged that there are matrimonial disputes going on between the petitioner and the respondent no. 4, and the petitioner has also filed a petition seeking divorce from respondent no. 4, which is presently pending adjudication before the concerned Family Court. It is further alleged that, in the evening of 30.03.2026, respondent no. 4 had forcefully taken away the child from the custody of the mother of the petitioner.

3. Pursuant to our directions issued on 08.04.2026, respondent no. 4, along with the child, is present in person before us. We have interacted with the petitioner and respondent no. 4.

4. As an *interim* measure, they both agree that the shared custody of the minor child shall be handed over by respondent no. 4 to the petitioner on 14.04.2026 at 05:00 PM at the petitioner's residence.

5. They further agree that the child, for the time being, will continue to go to the same school where he was studying in Gurugram, and on every Friday, respondent no. 4 shall pick up the child from the school and return him to the petitioner, at 02:00 PM on Sunday, by dropping him at the petitioner's residence.

6. The parties, that is, the petitioner and respondent no. 4, will also explore the possibility of arriving at a settlement of all their disputes before the Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre ('Mediation Centre'). They shall appear before the Mediation Centre



on 16th April, 2026 at 04:00 PM.

7. In case the parties are unable to arrive at a settlement, further orders with respect to the custody and visitation of the minor child shall be adjudicated by the concerned Family Court in accordance with law and remaining uninfluenced by the *interim* arrangement agreed upon before us in these proceedings.

8. The present petition is disposed of in the above terms.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J

APRIL 13, 2026/rv/as